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Biotechnology, International Trade Policy, and the Risks to California Legislative Power

Tuesday, June 24, 2003, 1:00–3:30pm
State Capitol, Room 3191

AGENDA

Welcome Statement and Introduction of Members

Senator Liz Figueroa, Chair

PANEL 1 Is there a need for state regulation of agricultural biotechnology? If so, what would such regulation look like?

Gus Koehler, Time Structures, formerly of the California Research Bureau
Michael Hansen, Consumer Policy Institute, Consumers Union
Andrew Kimbrell, Center for Food Safety

PANEL 2 What are the potential impacts of biotechnology on California's agricultural economy?

Bryce Lundberg, California Rice Grower
Zeke Grader, Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Association
Brian Leahy, California Certified Organic Farmers
Dolores Huerta, Vice President Emeritus, United Farm Workers, AFL-CIO

PANEL 3 What are the implications of WTO rules on California's ability to regulate biotechnology?

Will Brieger, Office of the California Attorney General
Dr. Caroline Lucas, Member of European Parliament
Anuradha Mittal, Co-Director, Food First Institute for Food and Development Policy
Lisa Hoyos, California Coalition for Fair Trade and Human Rights
Matt Porterfield, Harrison Institute, Georgetown University Law Center

Closing Remarks

Senator Liz Figueroa, Chair